BIDS REQUESTED FOR OIL AND GAS LEASES ON STATE AND SOVEREIGN LANDS

The Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is soliciting bids on six tracts of state and sovereign lands in Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Emery and Grand Counties. The filing period for bids ends at 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2001. Bids will be opened May 14, 2001.

"These are 'non-occupancy' leases which means that no oil, gas or hydrocarbon industry activity will occur on the surface of state lands, or below the ordinary high water mark on sovereign lands," said Minerals Analyst Edie Trimmer. "The leases are referred to as 'land-blocking type leases."

Interested parties seeking additional information may contact Edie Trimmer at 801-538-5490 or by e-mail at $\underline{nrslf.etrimmer@state.ut.us}$.

The leases being offered on sovereign lands of the Green and Colorado Rivers are in accordance with a Mineral Leasing Plan developed for that area and made final in August of 1998.

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